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### Women's Equality Day Celebration

The 10th Annual Women's Equality Day Celebration will be held at 7 a.m. Saturday at Stoneman Field on Schofield Barracks. There will be a 5k Fun Run, a 1-mile Keiki Run, a guest speaker, keiki activities and information booths. Call 655-3578 or 655-8389 for more information or for a race application.

### Hui O' Na Wahine Membership and Community Sign-up Night

The Hui O' Na Wahine, an all ranks club for women on Schofield Barracks, will hold its community membership and activities sign-up night from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Nehelani on Schofield Barracks. More than 50 vendors and community organizations will attend. Anyone interested in being a vendor should call Amy Snyder at 624-4989. Anyone interested in becoming a Hui member, annual membership cost is \$20 for E-6 and below, and \$25 for E-7 and above. Membership includes a monthly magazine, membership directory and invitation to monthly events.

### American Red Cross CPR Class

The Red Cross will hold a CPR class from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday at the Schofield Barracks Red Cross Office. This course will cover adult, infant and child CPR, First Aid and AED. The cost for military ID cardholders is \$53. For more information or to register, call the Red Cross office at 655-4927.

### JEMS Job Fair

JEMS will hold its 17th annual job fair from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Banyans Club on Pearl Harbor. The job fair is open to military family members, active duty personnel, military retirees Reservists, DoD and Coast Guard employees with base access. No children will be admitted, so plan accordingly. This is an opportunity to talk to recruiters, drop off resumes, pick up applications and research the job market. For more information, visit the JEMS Web site at [www.JEMSHawaii.com](http://www.JEMSHawaii.com) and click on Job Fair/Events. For more information, call Rita May at 473-0190.

### English as a Second Language

This is a basic, adult education English course. The course is designed for beginners to those seeking to improve written and verbal communication skills. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 to 11 a.m. The fall session begins Tuesday through Nov. 30. Enrollment is ongoing. Registration and a \$15 fee are required. Call for more information and for child care (limited slots for qualified personnel), the YMCA on Wheeler at 624-5645.

# Schofield Soldier receives Soldier's Medal

By Sharee Moore  
Assistant Editor

Twenty-foot waves descended on Waimea Bay with riptide currents powerful enough to snatch six Schofield Barracks Soldiers out into the treacherous waters Feb. 27.

Spc. Mariano Cali, a wheeled vehicle mechanic with 536th Maintenance Company, dove into the ocean that night, without regard for his personal safety, and rescued three of the six Soldiers.

For his heroism, Cali received the Soldier's Medal at a ceremony Aug. 19 on Sills Field, Schofield Barracks. This medal is the highest peacetime award given for heroism. Awardees' performance must have involved personal hazard or danger and the voluntary risk of life.

"What our country needs more than ever are men of conviction and courage," said Maj. Gen. William Brandenburg, deputy commanding general of U.S. Army Pacific, who presented the medal. "Today, ladies and

gentleman, you find those characteristics in the man standing in front of you."

A tropical storm warning was in effect that late Friday night in February.

"A couple of Soldiers wanted to do wave watching and I told them not to go because the first sergeant put out that it was not a good time to go anywhere," Cali began.

"I got a call on that late evening from [a Soldier who said] they were walking toward the water, and I specifically told them not to go in the water."

Cali, a Guam native, knew the dangers and unpredictability of the surf. He knew something wasn't right, so he drove to the beach to ensure the Soldiers didn't get into trouble.

"Have you ever been to Waimea Bay?" Cali asked. "Picture the waves crashing on top of the rocks, the rock where you jump off. That's bad," he said in a despondent voice. "The waves just started crashing down and I looked at Private Voss and said we need to do something, now. He picked up his phone and called 911," Cali said.

Pfc. Justin Voss said, "[The Soldiers] were just where the water could come up to their feet, but then the water came up higher than they expected. A wave broke and the whitewater came up, probably above their waists, and that's what washed them in."

The Soldiers screamed and struggled to stay afloat in the tumultuous waters.

One Soldier was able to make it out of the riptide current on his own. Voss then grabbed a second Soldier while Cali helped pull him from the water where his face was still submerged.

Cali grabbed a third Soldier who couldn't get to his feet and pulled him to safety. The same Soldier told Cali that he tried to hold on to two women, but they were drowning. Cali dove into the high surf in search of the Soldiers.

"The first person I came up to was neither of them but another Soldier. I saw that she was under the water and face down and something told me that she was done, but I

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Staff Sgt. Bradley Rhen

**Major Gen. William Brandenburg pins the Soldier's Medal on Spc. Mariano Cali during a ceremony on Sills Field, Schofield Barracks Aug. 19. Cali rescued three Soldiers from turbulent waters at Waimea Bay in February.**

## Brown takes over USARPAC



Spc. Clint Perkins

**Lt. Gen. John M. Brown III, U.S. Army, Pacific commander, and Col. David L. Shanahan, USARPAC chief of staff, inspect the formation of Soldiers during the USARPAC Assumption of Command ceremony Wednesday at Fort Shafter. Brown, former commander of U.S. Army Alaska, was promoted to lieutenant general before the ceremony. See story on page A-6.**

## Schofield MPs help launch Afghan quick reaction force

By Sgt. 1st Class Darren D. Heusel  
105th Mobile Public Affairs Det.

KABUL, Afghanistan – Afghan citizens want added security leading up to the Oct. 9 presidential elections and that's exactly what the Afghan National Police, backed by the U.S.-led coalition and the International Security Assistance Force, intends to provide with the emergence of a new Rapid Action Division.

The RAD is the Afghan equivalent of a quick reaction force. U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld made mention of the group's potential during a recent visit, saying that it is vital to the security and stability of the region.

"This RAD is going to be a very important organization because they're going to respond to serious election-related contingencies," said Col. Jon Lopey, chief of the Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan and Civil Military Operations Law Enforcement Cell.

"I've been very impressed with the enthusiasm and professionalism of our Afghan police counterparts," Lopey added. "Police development is so important throughout the nation and what we do now is going to help shape the police force for years to come."

Training for the division is conducted by three-man Police Technical Assistance Teams from the Parwan and Jalalabad Provincial Reconstruction Teams and includes modern police tactics in the areas of



Sgt. 1st Class Darren D. Heusel

**Staff Sgt. Damian George of the 58th MP Co. demonstrates to Afghan National Police the proper way to handcuff a suspect as part of a training exercise in the use of modern police tactics.**

riot control, convoy security, dignitary protection and more. These PTATs are assigned to Combined Joint Task Force 76's Task Force Thunder.

"It's been very interesting working with the local police," said Staff Sgt. Damian George, a member of the 58th Military Police Company tasked with training the division. "I'm very confident the Afghan police will be able to take the skills we've given them and put them to good use."

Pfc. Joseph Workman, another member of the 58th MP Co., "I think the training is very important for the role that these police officers are going to play in the future. They're

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## Wolfhounds receive CIBs, CMBs in Afghanistan

By Capt. Juanita Chang  
Task Force Thunder

FORWARD OPERATING BASE ORGUN-E, Afghanistan – The "Wolfhounds" of 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment held their first Combat Infantryman Badge and Combat Medical Badge ceremony since the Vietnam War Monday.

In the sunset ceremony at Forward Operating Base Orgun-e, about 100 infantrymen and 10 combat medics representing Task Force 2-27 INF were awarded the badges.

Five Soldiers were awarded the CIB second award for participation in two eras of combat – Sgt. Maj. Anthony Marrero, 1st Sgt. King Parks,



courtesy photo

**Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson, CJTF-76 commander, pins a Combat Medical Badge on a Soldier during a ceremony Monday at FOB Orgun-e, Afghanistan.**

1st Sgt. Timothy Johnson, Staff Sgt. Benjamin Munden and Spc. Christopher Jacobs.

Jacobs, an infantryman with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd

Bn., 27th Inf. Rgt., said he is very proud of receiving a second CIB.

"It shows proof I did something while I was in the Army," Jacobs said. "It shows my time in the Army was put to good use."

Soldiers who receive the CIB must be under fire by the enemy.

"We've had a lot of rockets fired at us," Jacobs said.

Soldiers who put their life on the line stood in formation as the sun dipped below the jagged desert mountains. Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson, Combined Joint Task Force 76 commander, paid a surprise visit to help present the warriors with their badges.

One platoon, which had just come off of a mission

exhausted and filthy, was unaware Olson was coming.

First Lt. Clint Dodson, a platoon leader with TF 2-27 INF, was one of the Soldiers coming off the mission. Dodson is one of Olson's former Cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., and former captain of their football team. Olson was formerly the Commandant of Cadets at the academy.

"It's hard to express the pride I felt when General Olson pinned on my CIB right after returning from a combat mission," Dodson said.

Soldiers "walked a little taller," after the ceremony, Olson said, continuing to write another story in the Tropic Lightning Division history.



We want to hear from you

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

As an American, I choose not to forget

Commentary

Sharee Moore  
Assistant Editor

The public is bombarded with images and sound bytes about service members and civilians who have died in support of the Global War on Terror. Have many grown cold to the emotional carnage that death leaves in its wake? I think so.

Maybe the loved ones left behind know what I'm talking about. You see, I know about that other, seldom-acknowledged, invisible war. It is an emotional battle that has the power to traumatize, maim and immediately destroy upon notification of a loved one's death.

When was the last time you thought about the hearts still beating with love for the fallen?

When loved ones die, a boulder replaces my warm heart. It's a cold steel rock that fills the chest cavity and lodges its jagged head in my throat. Some like to call the boulder a "knot," but I've carried that burden and disagree.

Every day in America, a nasty rock chokes off someone's oxygen supply and steals the taste of food from a mouth. Its sheer enormity can weigh one down, especially in the mornings when grief tries to shackle a mourner to the bed. Every step and every breath is labored and painful. In the belly, a silent scream scratches at the insides searching for an escape. The rock blocks the throat; the scream's only exit.

Today, in America, a family carries that burden while others casually chat about this, that and whatever. They're oblivious to the fact that the scream is twisting and shredding someone's guts as it fights for a way out.

Today, in America, there is an awful burden where a child's heart used to beat. An empty space tarries where the sun used to shine. There is nothingness where a smile used to dance happily on one wife's face. There is a dark vacancy sign where hope for the safe return of a man's daughter used to cast a steady glow.

Today, in America, the desire to just touch him again or to hear her voice is so powerful it could cause a stroke.

In the face of this invisible war,



Spc. Sean Kimmons

**The sun beams down on a mural of Staff Sgt. Todd E. Nunes, a squad leader from Co. A, TF 1-21 INF, who was killed during an insurgent attack May 2 in Kirkuk. The mural can be seen while leaving the Gator Patrol Base in Kirkuk, home of Co. A, TF 1-21 INF. The mural helps remind Soldiers of the dangers out there and to remember their fallen comrade.**

many reflect on the fallen just long enough to read the last word of an article or during the 30-second spot allocated on the nightly news.

Not me. I choose not to forget. I will spend more time thinking about the young men and women who have died tragically in support of this war. I will ask someone else to do the same. I will pray for peace and healing for their broken families and friends. And I will allow myself to cry out in despair for what is gone: A son, a mom, a husband, a sister, a lover or a friend.

This commentary is a tribute to all who have loved and lost. It's a tribute to those who continue to fight insanity with every ounce of strength. I honor you. I pray for you. I cry with you.

As an American, I choose not to forget.

*(Editor's Note: If you have a comment about this article or a story to share, e-mail Sharee at editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com)*

Corporal Recruiter Program merits emphasis

Commentary

Sgt. Maj. of the Army  
Kenneth O. Preston

WASHINGTON – On a recent visit to the U.S. Army Accessions Command, I learned about the great strides being undertaken by young corporals in the Corporal Recruiter Program. During the trip, I had the opportunity to meet several of these outstanding young Soldiers who have answered the challenge and have helped make our Army better.

The Corporal Recruiter Program began in 1999 on a trial basis, and has since allowed more than 300 privates first class and specialists to serve one-year recruiting tours.

The program goal is to bring young, spirited Soldiers into recruiting to tell the Army story to their civilian peers. The professional corporal recruiter has become an important combat multiplier to the recruiting force. Corporal recruiters stand toe to toe with other detailed recruiters in exceeding standards of excellence.

Serving as a recruiter is a real-world mission that gives the recruiters a sense of self satisfaction and achievement knowing they are part of the Army's success.

Many of the corporal recruiters have only recently left their hometowns and going back has provided many Soldiers opportunities they never imagined.

One of these Soldiers is 23-year-old Scott Thomas Davis from Houston, Texas. Cpl. Davis is a UH-60 mechanic and is taking this experience as a chance to give something back to his hometown. He is assigned to the Houston Gulfgate Station.

He said that he wanted the chance to come back to his hometown and make a difference in his community. He thought the Army had given him a chance to succeed and wanted to share that possibility with his friends.

He stated the most rewarding part of being a corporal recruiter are the expressions he gets from peers and parents. He is nearly the same age as a lot of the people joining today.

"The parents see how mature and successful I am, and would like to see their son or daughter be the same," Davis said.

Davis also appreciated being sur-

rounded by professional noncommissioned officers and leaders from many different career fields.

"I had no idea how or what to expect [from recruiting]. But I didn't think it would set me up as well as it has for being successful in my military future. Even though I won't spend the rest of my military career recruiting, what I have learned here will carry me through the rest of my life," Davis added.

Another great example is Cpl. Joelle Alvarado, 21, currently assigned to Elizabeth, N.J., Recruiting Station is normally working in her primary military occupational specialty of 31U as a signal support systems specialist.

Alvarado said she wanted to be a recruiter because it has an instant impact in today's Army and in the defense of this Nation.

"One of the most rewarding things about recruiting is that you get to meet all kinds of people and share the Army story with them; the pay is not bad either. I've gained a lot from this experience, but the one that sticks out the most is the ability to represent the Army in my community," she said.

These sentiments and more were echoed by Cpl. Michael Smith, of the Baltimore Recruiting Battalion, Alexandria office.

"The recruiting course and my NCOs taught me everything I needed to be successful in helping the Army recruit Americans who want to serve their country and make themselves a career. Many people do not know how much the Army has to offer or the type of individual you have to be to serve as a Soldier. Just by telling the people in my home town about Army life lets them know what to expect and how life really is as a Soldier," he said.

The experiences these young NCOs are gaining go hand-in-hand with the impact they're making to fill the ranks of our great Army. They'll not only return to the inventory better and more experienced leaders, they'll have replenished the ranks with qualified, eager future warriors.

To participate or volunteer for the Corporal Recruiter Program, Soldiers must be in their first term of enlistment, meet the basic recruiter qualifications and be single with no dependents.

There is a second program though for married specialists and corporals, which gives them the opportunity to join the recruiting force. The Corporal

Detailed Recruiter Program is designed to allow specialists and corporals who are married with no more than two dependents to serve a two-year tour in recruiting. As with the Corporal Recruiter Program, Soldiers interested in the Corporal Detailed Recruiter Program must also meet the basic recruiter qualifications.

I urge leaders at every level to identify exceptional privates first class and specialists and counsel them on the great aspects of the Corporal Recruiter Program and the Corporal Detailed Recruiter Program. We do ourselves, and our Army, a tremendous service when we send these young Soldiers out to the civilian population to represent us and identify those who would wear the uniform of an American Soldier. Especially identifiable would be Soldiers returning from Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom rotations who can help tell the Army story. We need these young warriors to tell of their experiences in combat and specifically, talk about the good things Soldiers are accomplishing in the Global War on Terrorism.

The volunteer Corporal Recruiting Program and Corporal Detailed Recruiter Program are open to interested privates first class and specialists who meet recruiter qualifications as outlined in Army Regulation 601-1. The qualification criteria can be accessed via the Internet at the USAPA Web page.

The U.S. Army Human Resources Command will make the final selections. Once selected, applicants will be scheduled for a six-week recruiting course at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Corporal recruiters are assigned to recruiting areas near their hometowns. Other incentives include 38 promotion points for completing the recruiting course, \$450 a month in special-duty pay and the opportunity to select their next overseas assignment or assignment to any U.S.-based installation with a corps or division.

Those interested in applying for either the Corporal Recruiter or Corporal Detailed Recruiter Program should contact their Retention NCO or call Sgt. 1st Class Sammy Payne at DSN 221-5818 or commercial (703) 325-5818 at Human Resources Command, Alexandria, Va.

Let's really emphasize this program. I'm counting on NCOs at every level to support and grow the Corporal Recruiter Program to new levels of success. Our initial success is a direct result of your involvement in picking the best young Soldiers we have to represent our Army.

Voices of Lightning

Why is women's equality important?



"We support our own gender as well as men, especially in the military. In Iraq, women don't have the rights we have in America. We are able to voice our opinions freely."

**Spc. Jaime Cadman**  
536th Maintenance Company



"I am glad I have the right to defend my country just as a man can. Hopefully, one day things will change and all women will have the same rights we have in the United States."

**Spc. Shannon Smith**  
536th Maintenance Company



"Women are people too. They still aren't allowed in combat arms like infantry and they should be."

**Spc. Joshua Wright**  
536th Maintenance Company



"We have to live under the same rules and should have the right to choose. It is unfair to place restrictions on women, particularly, military wives who handle everything when their spouses are deployed."

**Adela Blaz**  
Spouse of deployed Soldier



"Historically, many barriers have been imposed on women, laws have changed some of those barriers, but we still have a long way to go."

**Warren K. Aoki**  
Schofield Barracks Health Clinic



"The answer comes down to basic human rights. Men and women are different but should not be valued differently."

**Kristen Huggins**  
Family Member

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# Najaf standoff continues; militants still hold shrine

By Gerry J. Gilmore  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON – As the standoff in Najaf continues between Iraqi, U.S. and coalition troops and forces under the command of radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, Iraq's top Shiite holy man apparently is ready to use his prestige to resolve the situation, according to news reports.

Sadr's followers have been holed up in and around Najaf's Imam Ali Shrine since area fighting renewed Aug. 5. The interim Iraqi government repeatedly has directed Sadr to disband his militia and leave the shrine, to no effect so far. Sadr and his aides have offered to negotiate to give up the shrine to Shiite leaders, but nothing has yet come from the talks.

Now back in Iraq from a trip to England for medical treatment Grand Ayatollah Ali Hussein al-Sistani, 73, reportedly is preparing to take control of the shrine and restore peace in Najaf, as part of an earlier deal brokered between his people and Sadr's.

In recent days, interim Iraqi government officials have threatened to use Iraqi troops to eject Sadr and his followers from the shrine. Meanwhile, Iraqi, U.S. and coalition forces in the Najaf area have been tightening the cordon around the shrine, while withstanding attacks by Sadr's followers.

Despite entreaties from the Iraqi interim

government, Sadr's militia continues to man defenses in and around the shrine. U.S. Central Command officials released aerial photos taken Aug. 23 that show militia mortar positions on the eastern sidewalk of the Imam Ali Shrine.

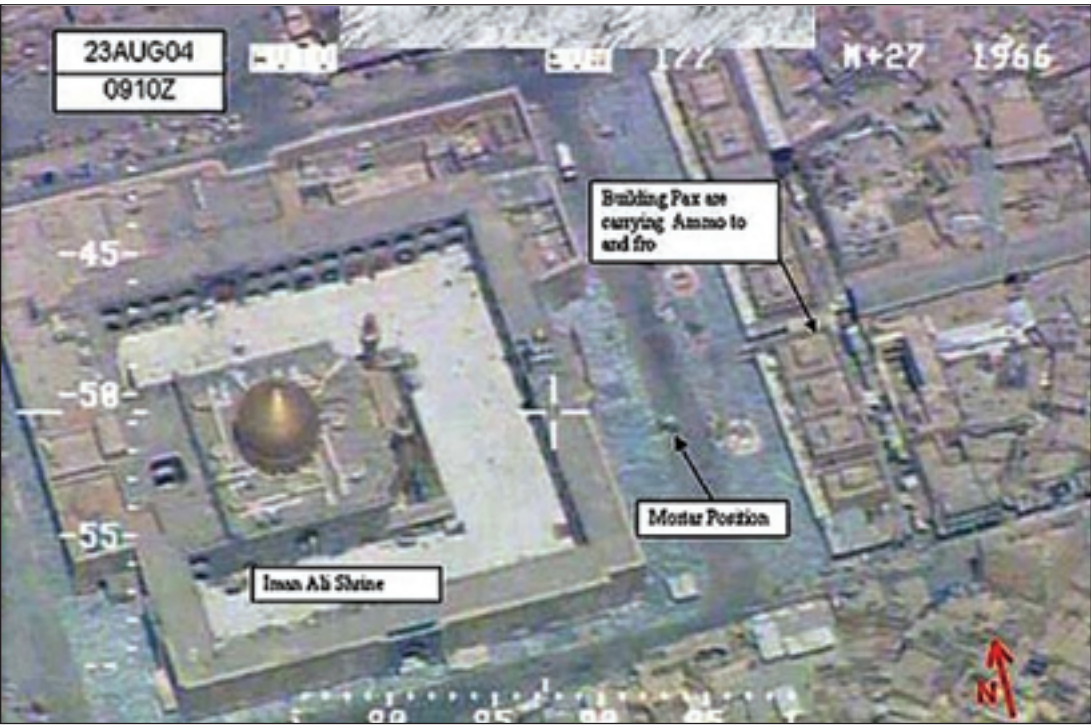
Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld noted there's still a need for U.S. forces in Iraq, pointing to the situation in Najaf and other areas of the country during an Aug. 23 troop visit to Fort Bliss, Texas.

The Najaf situation has become a confusing seesaw for military members, diplomats and journalists alike, because Sadr "is saying one thing one minute, another thing another minute," Rumsfeld said. Meanwhile, U.S. and coalition forces, he pointed out, will continue to put pressure on Sadr's militia.

The bottom line, Rumsfeld noted, is that the interim Iraqi government recognizes "that it cannot have a chunk of its country run by militias and terrorists."

Currently, about 100,000 Iraqi security forces have been trained and equipped to take over the country's security needs, he said, with another 100,000 slated for similar training.

After Iraqi security forces have demonstrated that they can stand on their own, Rumsfeld explained, then American forces would leave Iraq. "Our task is to get them on a path (so) that they can maintain security in that country," he said.



Defense Department photo

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## Hero

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grabbed her and she came up and was panicking.

"I made a promise that I wouldn't let her go," Cali solemnly explained. "It was happening fast ... and a drowning victim is the worst victim. I couldn't feel the bottom; I was just praying for the waters to push us."

He helped the Soldier to shore and Voss assisted in pulling her to safety.

"Then I heard a 'Help me! Help me!' It was a distinctive cry out and it was [another Soldier] and I got her out with Voss assisting again. Then I calculated five people up there, and they were all throwing up and were saying that there was one more in the water," Cali said.

Cali and another Soldier screamed the woman's name and searched the shore. An exhausted Cali charged back into the turbu-

## 58<sup>th</sup> MP Co.

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definitely going to add to the stability."

The RAD security plan is to deploy 100-man security contingents to Jalalabad, Logar, Gardez, Laghman, Khost, Surobi and Kabul in direct support of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan for the elections.

The new force currently stands at 800 members, but the division expects to field another 400 officers when they graduate from the Kabul Police Academy in early September.

"These police officers recognize the importance of their mission and I'm confident that with the training they've received they will be able to provide much needed security for the upcoming elections and beyond," said New Zealand Army Maj. Bede Fahey, who was sent to Afghanistan to assist the PTATs and oversee the RAD training.

Gen. Mahboob Amiri,

ANP commander, said the training has been "very effective and very practical" and that he'd like to see the training continue well into the future.

"We plan to take the new police force and send them to other areas of the country to provide security for all the people of Afghanistan," Amiri said.

The RAD was recently thrust into action ahead of the elections when they were deployed by the coalition and its ISAF partners to Herat Province to help quell factional fighting among armed gunmen belonging to local militia commanders and bring the Shindand Airport back under control of the Afghan government.

Abidullah, 25, said he joined the ANP because he had always dreamed of becoming a police officer as a child and because he wanted to serve his people and help provide security for the country.

"I'm very happy to be providing security for my country," said Abidullah,

lent waters but he, nor rescue crews, ever found the lost Soldier. After exhausting all efforts to find her, Cali went to calm the survivors and assist emergency medical personnel who arrived on the scene.

"I was just talking to her on the beach," he said referring to the missing Soldier. "She just got married and was happy to go visit her newlywed husband and mom and dad. She was just a new Soldier to the Army," Cali said while shaking his head.

Capt. Tynice Roundtree, company-commander of 536th Maintenance Co. said, "I'm really not surprised at all when I heard about what he did because that really is the caliber of Soldier that he is."

Voss added, "I'm just glad that we didn't hesitate. I did what any of them would have done if I was in there."

Voss was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for his role in helping to pull the Soldiers to safety.

who only goes by one name.

"Putting myself in harm's way is part of my job. Whenever I get a mission, I am ready. If I have to lose my life, I'm ready to do my job."

Each member of the RAD is equipped with an AK-47. UNAMA has also provided 100 jeeps with communications, 300 police kits and 106 tents.

The Law Enforcement Cell at CFC-A has also pitched in four 25-man tents and 10 portable generators and will deliver 200 complete sets of riot gear by the end of August.

In addition to providing the trainers, Task Force Thunder supports the RAD by providing vehicles, communications and other logistical support to RAD elements in their area of responsibility.

"I'm very proud that the RAD has been formed in a very short time," Amiri said. "This division is going to provide hope and promise for the people of Afghanistan and provide security at a high level."



Briefs

**New Times for Worship at AMR Chapel** – As of Aug. 22, all three services have changed their times of worship. Religious Education Classes will also change, beginning Sept. 12.

- Catholic Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Contemporary Protestant 9:45 a.m.
- Gospel 12:15 p.m.

Registration for Sunday School and Catholic CCD Classes has begun. Register at any time on the downstairs lanai at the self-registration table.

Sunday School (ages 3 - adults) begins Sept. 12 from 11 a.m. - noon

Catholic CCD (ages 4 - 12th grade) begins Sept. 19 from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

RCIA classes for adults will be held Tuesday evenings from 6 - 7:30 p.m. For more information on worship times or religious education, call 833-8175.

**Claims, Legal Assistance Office moving** – The Claims and Legal Assistance offices are moving from Bldg. 500 to Bldg. 2037, across the street from the Schofield Barracks Central Issue Facility. The move is scheduled for Aug. 30 to Sept. 2. The Legal Assistance Office will be open for customer service at 1 p.m. Sept. 2. The Claims Office will be open for customer service at 9 a.m. Sept. 7. For more information, call Cpl. Stanislava Ilicgodfrey at 655-8608.

**Joint Spouses' Conference** – The 10th Annual Joint Spouses' Conference will be held Oct. 15 and 16 at the Hickam Air Force Base Officers' Club. The conference is a forum for military spouses from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard to come together as one-family to learn and

share experiences from military life. Registration opens Sept. 1 - 30. Registrants may choose from more than 50 workshops with an array of interests including cultural arts, cooking, health and fitness, parenting, career enhancement, military benefits and more. Forms may be picked up at base exchanges, commissaries, support centers, thrift shops, and chapels. Registration forms may also be downloaded at [www.jointspousesconference.com](http://www.jointspousesconference.com). The cost is \$25 for both days or \$15 Friday or Saturday only. The fee includes workshops, two continental breakfasts, two lunches and a tote bag. For more information and to preview some of the workshops, visit [www.jointspousesconference.com](http://www.jointspousesconference.com) or call Kaye at 839-6151.

**ACAP Lunchtime workshops** – The Army Career and Alumni Program will host two lunchtime workshops to help prepare attendees for the JEMS Job Fair. The “How to Work a Job Fair” classes will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 9 and 13 at the Schofield Barracks ACAP Center (Aloha Center, Bldg. 690, Rm 3H). The workshop is open to all ACAP clients and their family members. For more information or to reserve a seat for one of the classes, call the ACAP Center at 655-1028.

**Cub Scout Joining Night** – The Cub Scouts of Pack 197, supporting families residing on Aliamanu Military Reservation, invite all families with boys in 1st through 5th grades to attend "Joining Night" on Sept. 11 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Mokulele Elementary School cafeteria. The purpose of this event is to provide AMR families an opportunity to learn about the Cub Scouts

CSA visits Wolfhounds at Orgun-e



U.S. Army photo

**Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, right, visits with Soldiers of 2nd Bn., 27th Inf. Rgt. at Forward Operating Base Orgun-E, Afghanistan, Aug. 11. The Wolfhounds have have about five donkeys like the one pictured, and they are used in long range foot patrols as a logistics tool to carry up to 200 pounds of food, water, ammunition and equipment.**

and to join Pack 197. For more information, call Bob Hoelscher at 833-7623 or e-mail [rhoelscher@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:rhoelscher@hawaii.rr.com).

**Protestant Women of the Chapel Fall Kickoff** – The Schofield Barracks' PWOC invites all ladies to their Fall Kickoff Luncheon Sept. 14 at 9 a.m. in room D-9 of the Main Post Chapel. A pot-luck lunch will be served, the yearly theme will be announced, and attendees may sign up for a quarterly Bible study. Free pre-arranged STACC site child care is available. For more information, call Effie Powell at 624-8251. For child care information, call Sonya Byrdsong at 455-

4011.

**Microchips are \$5 in August** – The Hawaiian Humane Society has linked with 18 Oahu veterinary clinics to provide microchip IDs for pets for \$5 during the month of August. Microchips normally cost \$25, and the participating vet clinics are waiving the cost of the doctor's visit for the month. Visit [www.hawaiianhumane.org](http://www.hawaiianhumane.org) or call the Humane Society at 942-4421 for a list of participating clinics. Microchips help reunite lost pets with their owners. It is implanted quickly by an injection into the scruff of the pet's neck, similar to vaccinations.

**Waianae Veterans Day**

**Parade** – Begins 9 a.m. Nov. 6 at the Waianae Boat Harbor. At 10 a.m., there will be an hour of speeches and awards to veterans, and talks about the Soldiers currently deployed. There will be video taken of families and local community groups at this Hoolaulea, and there are plans to send copies of the videos to deployed Soldiers.

**Boating Skills and Seamanship Class** – Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 18 is offering Boating Skills and Seamanship classes to the public in two sections at McDonald's Pearlridge Uptown. Classes will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Monday and Thursday evenings beginning Sept. 13.

Dining facility takes on Connelly competition



Spc. Len Cutler

**Spc. Stephen Tate, a food service specialist at the NCO Academy dining facility grills kebabs to prepare for the Connelly Excellence in Food Service competition.**

By Spc. Len Cutler  
Staff Writer

Schofield Barracks Soldiers have known for a long time that the dining facilities on Oahu are among the best the Army has to offer. Now, they have yet another chance to prove it.

The dining facility at the Noncommissioned Officer Training Academy on Schofield Barracks' East Range, was selected as one of the winning entrants in the first round of the Annual Phillip A. Connelly Excellence in Food Service competition, and will compete in the Pacific region competition against dining facilities in both Japan and Alaska.

Sergeant 1st Class Yasmin Johnson, manager for the facility said, this year the focus has moved away from the mechanics of food

preparation, toward a more contemplative approach.

“We’re focusing a lot more on simply enjoying ourselves, teamwork, and making food preparation fun,” Johnson said, adding that she believes a team that enjoys cooking, rather than treat it as a chore, will perform better, and that spirit will come through in the presentation of a meal.

Johnson credits her team’s experience with the Connelly competition for giving them the latitude necessary to focus on morale without worrying that quality will suffer.

“Having been here before,” she said. “We know what we’re doing, so we’re a little more relaxed. Although you always take the Connelly very seriously.”

So far, according to Johnson, the tactic is paying off.

Section one, Boating Skills and Safety, \$35 fee and includes seven lessons, a manual and exams. This course meets U.S. Coast Guard, state and national boating education requirements. Section two, Seamanship, consists of five lessons for a fee of \$35, includes manual, exams and certificate. Combined courses are offered for \$60 and students completing section one may sign up for the second class at the reduced fee. These courses are designed to make the boater more safety conscious and safer operators. For more information, call Kawika Warren at 595-4934.

**Interviewing Techniques** – Does your stomach knot up when you think about going for an interview? Learn some hints and basic interviewing skills to be the best candidate for the job. The workshop will be held Sept. 9 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Army Community Service classroom in building 2091, Schofield Barracks. Call ACS at 655-2400 for information.

**Hui O’ Na Wahine Schofield Barracks Thrift Store extends its hours** – The store will be open on Thurs. night from 4 until 7 p.m. (consignments taken from 4 - 6 p.m.). Regular hours are Tuesday, Thursday and the first Saturday of the month 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments are from 9 a.m. to noon on the days the thrift shop is open. The shop will be closed the third Thursday during the day, but open in the evening from 4 to 6 p.m. The thrift shop will be open that Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Volunteers are always needed. The thrift shop is in Bldg. 2107, behind Army Community Service on Schofield Barracks. For more information, call April at 624-4646.

“Morale has been very high,” she said. “Our chain of command has also shown us lots of support, and helped to make this happen.”

This year’s menu is a medley of Hawaiian-inspired dishes. During the two-month preparation, Sgt. 1st Class Mabel Harris, a cook at the facility, put together the menu after researching local recipes and ingredients.

Rick Newcomb is the evaluator responsible for deciding which entrant will move on to the final round of competition – the Department of the Army evaluation. So far, he likes the menu. It’s too early to guess, but he said Schofield’s history, and the quality of this year’s menu, make it a tough competitor.

“They’ve done a great job so far,” he said. “The menu is very aggressive, and everything looks really good.”



# Add-on armor provides extra protection to 2nd BCT Soldiers

By Spc. Sean Kimmons  
25th ID (L) Public Affairs

KIRKUK AIR BASE, Iraq – To prevent injuries or deaths from small arms fire and improvised explosive devices, add-on armor kits are being installed onto many 2nd Brigade Combat Team High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles here.

An eight-Soldier maintenance support team from the 267th Ordnance Company, Nebraska National Guard, affixes these kits onto humvees six days a week.

As part of their mission since April, the MST has installed more than 350 add-on armor kits, 100 ballistic wind-shields along with a long list of other up-armor needs for 2nd BCT units.

Spc. Marcos Moreno, a heavy-wheel mechanic for the 267th Ord. Co., has played a part in this vast mission and knows what his team does out here will help shield Soldiers who go outside the gates.

“There are a lot of hazards out there,” Moreno said. “You’ve got people shooting AK-47s at you and IEDs going off, so it’s good to have some sort of protection.”

The armor in the AOA kits has been tested to withstand a .50 caliber gun-shot while the kit’s windows can take a shot from a 7.62 mm round.

A two-door AOA kit can be installed in about 45 minutes and adds another 900 pounds to a humvee. A four-door

AOA kit can take up to two and a half hours to mount and adds 1,300 pounds.

The AOA kits were established in response to an Operational Need Statement from U.S. Central Command’s Combined Joint Task Force 7, who requested increased survivability for Soldiers mounted in "non-armored" humvees operating in theater.

Before these AOA kits, Soldiers’ only defense against insurgent actions were their body armor, kevlar helmets and the humvees’ soft doors, in which, shrapnel or bullets could easily rip through.

The kits are armored steel plating designed to be installed in the field. They reinforce the need for armor in theater where there are not enough M-1114 up-armored HMMWVs to go around.

Personally, Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Stanislav, the MST noncommissioned officer-in-charge, enjoys putting on these AOA kits, because he heard of their success against insurgency.

“We have been told four or five times that we’ve saved somebody’s life with these up-armor kits,” Stanislav said. “That makes our mission worthwhile.”

Spc. Alan Davenport, a .50 caliber machine gunner for Co. A, Task Force 1-21 Infantry, recalls an IED incident when the armor doors protected some of his fellow Soldiers in his convoy.

“The added armor helped when we got hit by an IED,” Davenport said. “No driver or truck commander was injured

in the attack.”

Because of their reputation, the armor kits have increased the confidence of Soldiers when they are out on their missions.

“I feel a little more confident and safer when I go out on mounted patrols within the city,” Pfc. Lance Holley, a combat medic with Co. A, TF 1-21 INF, said about the armor kits.

“I’m glad to have the added armor, as they’ve been proven to save lives against small arms fire and IEDs,” Holley said. “The armor doors may also help in roll-overs too.”

Besides the AOA kits, the MST team also installs armored seatbacks and reinforced floors to further protect Soldiers inside humvees. Recently, the MST team has started to put armor plates on the back of cargo humvees and will begin to up armor light medium tactical vehicles.

“I feel we are contributing to the whole peace mission out here,” Stanislav said. “Even though we are not on the outer skirts getting shot at, we are still helping the guys who do go out the fence ... survive.”

**Spc. Ryan Koehn, a mortarman with Co. A, TF 1-21 INF, pulls security behind an add-on armor door during a mission in Kirkuk. These steel armor doors have been tested to withstand a shot from a .50 caliber round and the window can take a shot from a 7.62 mm round.**



Spc. Sean Kimmons

## Millions of Afghans register to vote in historic elections

By Spc. Daniel P. Kelly  
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BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan – An estimated 9 million Afghans are registered for Afghanistan’s historical democratic elections scheduled for October.

With registration ending Aug. 15, approximately 90 percent of all eligible voters in the country already hold their own voter registration card. Forty-one percent of registrants are women.

David Avery, chief of operations of the Joint Elections Management Body with the United Nations, said voter registration has been successful.

“Our goal was to allow all of the Afghan people the possibility of registering to vote and take part in the election,” Avery said. “We are pretty happy ... we think it’s been a success.”

Avery attributes the success of voter registration to the Afghan people.

“The key defining this exercise is the Afghan people and their willingness and dedication to take part in the elections,” Avery said.

The south-central region of Afghanistan is still a “hot spot”, with Taliban attacks on Coalition forces occurring almost daily. Avery said the attacks were a concern to the JEMB.

“When we started this operation we expected that there would be three provinces which would pose a difficulty, and may in fact not be accessible, that was Zabul, Paktika and Uruzgan,” Avery said. “In fact, we registered



(Video Still) Sgt. Andre Reynolds

**55th Signal Company A United Nations elections worker processes a voting registration card for an Afghan man July 24th in Ghundi Kalay, Afghanistan.**

people in all of those (provinces), and we have made it to almost every district in the country and there were many that we thought would not be possible.”

Marine Corps Maj. Tim Barrick, Combined Joint Task Force 76 future operations officer, is working closely with the voter registration process and said although voting in Afghanistan is similar to the United States, there are key differences.

“Voter registration in Afghanistan works a lot like voter registration in America,” Barrick said. “Teams go out to hire locals and train them on how to set up a registration site within a village.

“The election process is very much a democracy,” he added. “It’s one person, one vote. That differs from America because we have the Electoral College. The (presidential) candidate needs 50 percent of the vote to win.”

Barrick added if the majority of votes don’t add up to 50 percent, the top two candi-

dates have a “run-off” election.

Barrick said voter security is the main concern of the military throughout the process, and Afghan Security Forces are heading security for voter registration and the elections.

“This election is for the people of Afghanistan, and they want to take on the main effort,” he said. “Security was anticipated to be a challenge. Former Taliban Regime members are still out there, and enemies of Afghanistan who oppose progress and democracy. Fortunately none of their efforts have really been able to hinder the elections process.”

Avery said only one voter registration site was attacked July 28 in Ghazni Province. Two United Nation workers were killed and two were seriously injured when an improvised explosive device detonated inside a Mosque.

“There have been other attacks,” Avery said. “Most attacks have come in the way of our staff while they are in movement.”

Afghan Security Forces along with U.S. and Coalition Forces continue to deter threats in Afghanistan according to Barrick. Avery said the attacks would not daunt the will and tenacity of the Afghan people.

“We are looking forward to the election and providing the people of Afghanistan the opportunity to vote,” Avery said.

## USARPAC welcomes new commander

By Sharon Mulligan  
U.S. Army, Pacific Public Affairs Office

Lieutenant Gen. John M. Brown III assumed command of U.S. Army, Pacific from Maj. Gen. William H. Brandenburg, deputy commanding general and acting commander, in a ceremony Wednesday on Palm Circle at Fort Shafter.

Brown’s most recent assignment was as the commander of U.S. Army Alaska, a major subordinate command of USARPAC.

“Alaska to Hawaii; the Last Frontier to the Aloha State. Not bad duty for a boy from Georgia,” Brown remarked.

Admiral Thomas B. Fargo, commander of U.S. Pacific Command, was the keynote speaker at the ceremony. Addressing the service members, civilian employees, veterans, and community leaders gathered, he spoke of his enormous respect for the United States Army and the Soldiers who serve in it.

“I look at the colors we pass from one commander to the next and note in awe the 63 campaign streamers it bears,” Fargo said. “Earned in the course of 106 years of service, our Pacific Army has served the Pacific Region by playing an essential role – both in fighting our nation’s wars and in keeping the region’s peace.”

During the ceremony, Brown shared his thoughts on the event and what it

means to him to serve America’s Army in the Pacific.

“Admiral Fargo, this does not feel like joining a new team; I knew we were members of the PACOM team the first and every time you visited Alaska and interacted with our Soldiers,” Brown said. “My pledge to you is continued energy and focus on ensuring your Army in the Pacific can pinch hit, lead off or bat cleanup when needed.”

USARPAC is engaged throughout the Asia-Pacific region, providing trained and ready, Active and Reserve Component forces, and plays a key role in U.S. Pacific Command’s theater security cooperation program.

“The forward presence of our vital Army force is a key component to the stability of our region,” Fargo said. “Whether in support of humanitarian or peacekeeping operations, in training the forces of other nations to meet their own security requirements, or in preparing for possible coalition combat operations, the Pacific Army has proven itself a stalwart sentry.”

Fargo also had high praise for the Stryker vehicle. “I think the Stryker with its speed and diverse capabilities is precisely the vehicle to take us into both the battle and lead us toward the future combat force.”

Reaffirming the command’s commitment to transformation, Brown said USARPAC continues to improve its capability to fight

as an essential part of the Joint Team. “We will carry our weight and execute the Army’s tasks in PACOM’s transformation; and we will strengthen our participation with allied and coalition partners across the Pacific.”

The new commanding general also reaffirmed his commitment to the “One Team.” He said that his focus would also be on improving “the quality of service to our Soldiers, civilian work force, and Army families.”

As many Soldiers from the Pacific region are deployed or preparing to deploy in support of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, Brown reflected on their commitment and dedication.

“Remember America’s sons and daughters in the field today; in harm’s way serving their country” he said. “They are sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, volunteers and patriots.”

Brown enlisted in the Army as an infantryman in 1969. He became an officer upon completion of Infantry Officer Candidate School in 1971, where he was commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry.

His command experience includes commander, 3rd Squadron, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Armored Division, in Germany, and Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Saudi Arabia; commander of 1st Brigade, 24th Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.



# Report details more findings in Abu Ghraib investigation

By Joe Burlas  
*Army News Service*

WASHINGTON – The Army’s latest findings on the detainee abuse that occurred in Iraq’s Abu Ghraib prison last year determined that abuse can be traced to issues affecting command and control, doctrine and the level of training and experience of Solders operating in a dangerous environment – facing almost daily deadly hazards, according to Army leaders.

Gen. Paul Kern, Army Materiel Command commanding general and the officer ultimately assigned the responsibility to oversee the Army Regulation 381 Procedure 15 investigation into possible military intelligence personnel involvement in the alleged abuse at Abu Ghraib, briefed the press about results of the investigation at the Pentagon Wednesday.

The investigation is commonly known as the Fay-Jones investigation, referring to its top two investigators, Maj. Gen. George R. Fay and Lt. Gen. Anthony J. Jones. It is just one of several investigations into various aspects of the overall issue of detainee abuse. The results of an independent panel that reviewed Department of Defense detention operations, headed by former Defense Secretary James Schlesinger, was made public Tuesday.

“This was clearly a deviation of everything we’ve taught people on how to behave,” Kern said. “There are values that we treasure in the U.S. Army and in the United States that were not upheld in the report we turned in – that in itself is extremely troubling. There were failures of leadership of people seeing these things and not correcting them. There were failures of discipline – hallmarks against what we believe are the values and creed by which we live in the military, that is very troubling.

**New Alleged Abusers**  
The investigation identified 23 MI Soldiers who were assigned to the 205th MI Brigade in Iraq, four civilian contractors working with the 205th and three military police Soldiers working at the prison who may have been involved beyond the seven already identified in previous investigations. Investigators also found that other Soldiers

and civilians knew about the abuse and failed to report it.

The names of the MI and MP Soldiers have been forwarded with the investigation results to each Soldier’s commander for determination whether the alleged abuser should be court-martialed under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or if other action is appropriate. The names and investigation results of the contractors have been forwarded to the U.S. Justice Department for possible criminal charges under federal laws.

“Our primary focus was to look at the 205th MI Brigade and how its Soldiers might have been involved in detainee abuse,” said Maj. Maricela Alvarado, one of the Jones-Fay investigators and executive officer to Fay. “We found there was clearly some MI involvement in intentionally violent and abusive techniques in line with what we have all seen on TV and in the newspaper, some unauthorized use of guard dogs and the use of other unauthorized techniques, and numerous cases of failure to report abuse that Soldiers had seen or were aware of, knew was wrong, but did nothing about it.”

**Abuse at Tactical Level**  
One major finding of the investigation was that no one in the chain of command above the 205th MI Brigade was directly involved in incidents of abuse at Abu Ghraib. Further, it acknowledged that organizations and personnel above the 205th were indirectly involved through lack of oversight, failure to react to warnings, such as the International Committee of the Red Cross report that warned of some abuse, and policy memos that failed to provide clear, consistent guidance for execution at the tactical level.

For purposes of the investigation, detainee abuse was defined as treatment of a detainee that violates U.S. law or international law, or inhumane treatment without legal justification.

The last part of the definition, Alvarado said, is in accordance with the Geneva Convention. The convention allows different types of treatment for different categories of prisoners or detainees. For example, it forbids forcing officer prisoners of war to do manual labor, while allowing enlisted service members to do manual labor as long as that

labor is not in direct support of the enemy war effort.

## Choosing Wrong Over Right

This investigation identified 44 alleged instances of detainee abuse committed by MP and MI Soldiers, as well as civilian contractors. In 16 of these instances, MI personnel allegedly requested, encouraged, condoned or solicited MP Soldiers to abuse the detainees. The abuse, however, was directed on an individual basis and never officially sanctioned or approved. In 11 instances, MI personnel were directly involved in the abuse. These individuals clearly chose to do the wrong thing in violation of their training and established polices, Alvarado said. “There was no gray area -- they knew they were doing wrong,” she said.

**Lack of Training**  
The report found about half of the new alleged cases were Soldiers believing they were doing the right thing -- either because the interrogation technique they used was allowed in other theaters at other times, or because they honestly believed the technique they used was authorized by higher up the chain of command, Alvarado said.

“We have MI operations going on in Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, GITMO (Guantanamo Bay, Cuba) and Iraq – all with different sets of rules for what is authorized and what is not in the interrogation process,” she said.

The report detailed multiple deployments of MI units with little train-up time for new missions prior to new deployments as part of the problem with Soldiers not knowing what may have been an approved technique a year ago in Kosovo not being right in Iraq today. That problem was exacerbated in the 205th MI Brigade, Alvarado said, as investigators found no evidence that the brigade or its subordinate units conducted any refresher training once they arrived in Iraq.

The investigation report is about 10,000 pages long. Investigators conducted 172 interviews with privates through the general officers and included civilian contractors and detainees. The investigation started in late April and wrapped up in late July.

An executive summary of the report can be viewed at [www.army.mil/ocpa/reports](http://www.army.mil/ocpa/reports).

# 125th Signal Bn. provides warfighters with superior technology in Afghanistan

By Spc. Daniel P. Kelly  
*CJTF-76 Public Affairs*

KANDAHAR AIR FIELD, Afghanistan – As the battlefields of war continue to change, Soldiers of the 125th Signal Battalion out of Schofield Barracks, are providing a technological advantage to Soldiers serving in the War on Terror in Afghanistan.

“The 125th Signal Bn. is providing digital communications across the battlefield,” said Capt. Cora Henry, Co. A, 125th Signal Bn. commander. “It’s a digital battlefield these days.”

First Sgt. Gary Garcia, Co. A, 125th Signal Bn. first sergeant, said his company is providing all communications in Southern Afghanistan.

“We provide tactical communications to multiple forward operating bases,” Garcia said. “One of the most important systems we use is secure Internet.”

Garcia said with the digital technology provided by his battalion, the enemy doesn’t stand a chance.

“We’re far superior (in technology),” he said. “They rely a lot on messengers on foot, so what might take them a week takes us only seconds.”

Garcia said his Soldiers are enjoying their part in the War on Terror.

“I feel our Soldiers’ morale is really high,” he said. “From day one our Soldiers were ready to go. It was a really good feeling seeing their training (come to fruition), and it’s their way of contributing to the War on Terror.”

One of Garcia’s Soldiers, Spc. Chris Henderson, is part of a team that maintains a satellite dish used to send and receive signals to forward operating bases.

“Without us there would be no tactical phones,”

Henderson said. “Without us they wouldn’t be able to communicate out in the field.”

Henderson works in a small, green rectangular office called the “TACSAT Shelter.”

The shelter is elevated about six feet off the ground behind a large green satellite dish.

As Henderson climbs up the narrow set of metallic green steps, he opens a heavy green metal door to his workspace.

Inside the narrow space, are electronic boxes on both sides of a narrow

walkway with cords, plugs and digital panels everywhere.

The sound of electronic humming is loud, with cold air from two small lime-green air conditioning units blowing from the back, cooling Henderson and the sensitive electronic equipment.

This is where Henderson spends most of his time.

“Keeping our communication up and running ensures the battle can keep going, and that people can e-mail and call their loved ones back home,” Henderson said.



Spc. Daniel P. Kelly

**Spc. Chris Henderson, microwave systems operator with Co. A, 125th SIG, adjusts a Low Noise Amplifier on a Tactical Satellite dish Aug. 16.**



# Tropic Lightning Band plays for Bagram

By Pfc. Chris Stump  
17th Public Affairs Det.

BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan — For many Soldiers, one of the last memories they have of their home station before deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom is the deployment ceremony while the band marched and played on the parade field.

But bands aren't just for garrison missions – many military bands deploy in support of their comrades in far off places such as Afghanistan.

One such band is the 25th Infantry Division (Light) Tropic Lightning Band which was recently here to provide entertainment to Coalition forces throughout the area.

The sound of familiar popular music and concert band classics filled the “clamshell” here Aug. 7-8 when the band brought their music to the troops.

The band is here making stops in the theater of operations to perform for the divi-



Pfc. Chris Stump

**The Tropic Lightning concert band plays familiar tunes for troops in Afghanistan Aug. 7. The band is on a six-week tour of Afghanistan to play for Coalition troops.**

sion's Soldiers and Coalition troops deployed here.

“We're trying to get out to where the division has troops

to give them, and all the Coalition troops, something familiar,” said Sgt. 1st Class Eric Basora, lead vocalist for

the band's rock section.

“We like to give some feeling of home through our music,” he said.

## Soldiers keep laundry service humming in Afghanistan

By Spc. Francis Horton  
CJTF-76 Public Affairs

BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan – Though the desert is filled with shades of brown, there are still green mountains on Bagram.

These aren't the normal snowcapped ranges most Soldiers see around here; these are mountains of laundry bags.

Sgt. Annette Laulusa is in charge of the laundry operation for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combined Joint Task Force 76. Though originally trained to be a food service specialist, Laulusa fell into the job of laundry noncommissioned officer in charge because there was no need for her military occupational specialty on Bagram.

For the job of laundry room NCOIC, Laulusa was given a standard operating procedure for her new position and taken to the Kellogg, Brown and Root laundry facilities.

“I was given information on drop-off and pick-ups,” she said. Along with it came KBR's laundry SOP. From there, she has picked up the job and gone with the flow.

“I get to meet new people

every day,” she said with a smile.

“Soldiers don't have to worry about personal time being spent on laundry,” said Spc. Martha Dawson, a laundry and bath specialist with HHC, 25th Infantry Division (Light).

Service members and civilians alike bring their laundry to Bagram's “Motel 6” for cleaning.

But, Laulusa and Dawson don't do any actual cleaning. Their job is to make sure inventory slips are filled out and logged correctly. The laundry bags are then transported by truck to the laundry facilities run by KBR.

“It's really convenient,” said Spc. Derek Russo, an electrician with the 210th Engineer Detachment, “and the turn around time is good.”

The KBR laundry room is filled with local Afghans and rows of washers and dryers. Between 1,800 to 2,000 bags of laundry show up each day, topping off the month at around 50,000, said Tony Simms, the KBR Laundry supervisor.

“The time frame is 72 hours, but we can usually give a 24-hour turn around time,” Simms said.

The 24-hour facilities house a total of 166 commercial washers and dryers, all humming with laundry. A complete cycle, from dirty to clean and dried, is about an hour, Simms said.

About 90 local Afghans work the two shifts, counting, washing, drying and folding the laundry, Simms said.

The machines are turned off on Sunday for maintenance, but that doesn't mean the cleaning stops.

“Sunday is when we wash sleeping bags and large comforters,” Simms said. His facility has large military washing machines, which were made to handle such jobs.

Though laundry is the main thrust of his operation, it isn't limited to sweaty physical training uniforms and dusty desert camouflage uniforms.

“We also have a free tailoring shop which sees about 60 jobs per day,” Simms said.

When all is said and done, the clean bags of laundry are loaded into the back of a truck and brought back to Laulusa and Dawson. They load the laundry through their office window and stack the bags alphabetically on

wooden shelves lining the walls.

There are occasional times in which mistakes are made, times when clothing comes up missing from the bag. In these cases, Laulusa comes to the rescue.

“If something is missing, a claim is filed and the bag is re-inventoried,” Laulusa said. It usually takes about a week for the claim to go through, but if something is lost, the laundry patron is reimbursed with cash.

“Everyone who touches a bag of laundry puts down a number or signature,” Simms said. This creates a trail to follow to make sure an article of clothing wasn't dropped, and if it was, where it would have been dropped.

And sometimes, mistakes are made on the part of the Soldiers and civilians who turn in the laundry bags.

“If the laundry inventory is wrong, it comes back unwashed in a plastic bag,” Laulusa said. The laundry

The band was here for about a month and played for service members throughout the country. Kandahar, Salerno, Orgun-E, Jalalabad and Asadabad are just some of the places they brought music to the troops, said Chief Warrant Officer Jesse O. Pascua, Tropic Lightning Band commander and bandmaster.

Within the band there are separate groups making up the smaller bands, such as the concert band, rock band, jazz combo and brass quintet, he said.

“We try to play all different kinds of music to give everyone at least a little of what they like,” said Pascua.

The music the band played during their two days at Bagram ranged from Toby Keith's “American Soldier” to Creed's “My Sacrifice,” and even marching band tunes such as the “Army Song” and the “Tropic Lightning March.”

And the Soldiers appreciate what the band does.

“I appreciate them coming

out here for us,” said Pvt. Jonathan Braccio, Combined Joint Task Force-76 personnel specialist.

“I think it's really good that they come out here and show their support for us.”

The band showed their enthusiasm for their mission by not just playing music and singing songs, but actually getting into the crowd and getting the troops involved in the show.

“We just love playing for the troops and giving them a good show,” said Pascua.

“It's all about getting out to the Soldiers,” said Basora. “We really enjoy what we do – bringing something familiar from back home to the troops in the field.”

But the great shows don't end with band's six-week visit here, he said. They plan to return to Afghanistan after a brief stay back in Hawaii. Also planned is a tour through Iraq to take the Tropic Lightning spirit to Soldiers deployed there in support of Operation Enduring Freedom



Spc. Francis Horton

**A group of Afghan local nationals inventory bags of clothes in the Kellogg, Brown and Root laundry facility on Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, Aug. 19.**

patron then must pick up the bag and check their figures again.

For the most part, the laundry is brought back quickly, clean and service members and civilians alike

are pleased with the results, Laulusa added.

“It really helps keep the morale up,” Dawson said. She and Laulusa both take pride in the work they do for their fellow service members.



## PROFESSIONAL FOUR-LEGGED SOLDIERS « THE MILITARY WORKING DOG

Story and photos by Joy Boisselle  
Staff Writer

They report to basic training like any young, enthusiastic recruit. They serve their country with loyalty and pride.

When they die, they are rendered military courtesy and honors during their funerals, and when unable to physically perform their duties, they retire like any other career Soldier.

A major difference between these "soldiers" and any other "dog-faced" 25th Infantry Division (Light) Soldier is that these soldiers report for duty on four legs instead of two.

These are real dog-faced soldiers of the Military Working Dog Section at Schofield Barracks.

Thirteen dogs and their handlers make up the Military Working Dog Section of the 13th Military Police Detachment. United States Army Pacific K-9 Program Manager and Kennel Master, Sgt. 1st Class Rob Stallcup said the dogs and their handlers have the best job in the Army.

Training is rigorous and exacting. Potential military working dogs and their handlers train at the Department of Defense Military Working Dog School at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Texas. The school trains more than 525 handlers and 300 dogs annually for government agencies and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Handlers must complete a year as a military policeman before applying to the school.

Stallcup said, "A good handler must be self-motivated, have common sense, and love animals."

Handlers train for nine intense weeks in subjects including dog care, controlled aggression, and detection techniques.

Dogs train anywhere from three months to a year. They learn obedience, patrol techniques, and receive training as either a narcotics or explosives detector. Nine of the dogs at Schofield Barracks are explosive detectors, three are narcotics detectors, and one dog is patrol only.

A trained military working dog is worth about \$35,000. An older, more experienced dog can be worth nearly a half million dollars. Some dogs have even had contracts put out on their lives by drug smugglers because of their excellent detection skills.

Not all dogs qualify as military working dogs although a variety of breeds served in the military, including Rotweilers, Dobermans, Giant Schnauzers, Labradors, and Pit Bulls. Today's military dog is primarily one of three breeds: Dutch shepherd, German shepherd, and Belgian Malinois.

Stallcup defined a good dog as "one who has a high drive for his reward (the ball) and really has a desire to please his handler."

After graduation, dogs report to their new and only duty station. Unlike handlers, who will transfer every two to four years, dogs are assigned to a post permanently. Training does not stop there as Army dogs and their handlers are held to the most stringent standards of any service.

Once assigned, "a team (dog and handler) must be together 45 days before they can be certified to work and roughly 30 percent don't certify the first time out," explained Stallcup. To add to the stress, he added, "If the team is a two time failure, they are out."

Certification must be completed annual-

ly. An explosive detection team must find 38 of 40 hidden training aids in a variety of situations including warehouses, open areas, and luggage for a 95 percent success rate. Narcotics teams must find 18 of 20 hidden aids for a 90 percent success rate.

Mike Hrymer, a civilian dog handler, said, "Our dogs can find a scent equal to one part substance per billion or basically, one drop of water in a 500 gallon tank."

Hrymer's partner Roy, a Dutch shepherd, is trained in explosive detection. He put in perspective the bond between handler and dog.

"Handlers have a lot of pride in their dogs, anything the dog does right or wrong is a reflection on the handler," he explained.

Hrymer explained, "All the dogs are taught to sit when they have located an explosive or narcotics scent. For that reason, dogs can only be trained in one specialty, so we know what they are alerting on."

Additionally, training must constantly change so the dogs do not come to expect one particular task or scenario. The only constraints for the dog, according to Hrymer, are "the scents and odors, the cue to seek the aids, the desire to find the aids, and most importantly, the reward at the end of the task."

Handlers speak warmly of their four-legged partners. Sgt. John Bell, partner to Bojar, a German Shepherd explosives detector, said "I trust my dog more than I would a human partner. The dogs don't know a gun or situation is dangerous, they know no fear and will protect you with their life."

Staff Sgt. Richard Brentson, partnered with Cris, a Belgian Malinois explosives detector, echoed Bell's remarks adding, "The bond with your dog is built on mutual trust, I know my dog's got my back."

Counting on that bond is Staff Sgt. Erica Gordon, who deployed to Afghanistan in June with her partner, Hannah. "Our dogs are one of the best force protection measures while deployed," said Stallcup. "The dogs get a lot of attention and respect."

Like any Soldier, military working dogs may die in the line of duty or become physically unable to keep up with the demands of the job. At best, a military working dog can look forward to retirement and adoption, an avenue unavailable to dogs before 2001 when the first adoption took place.

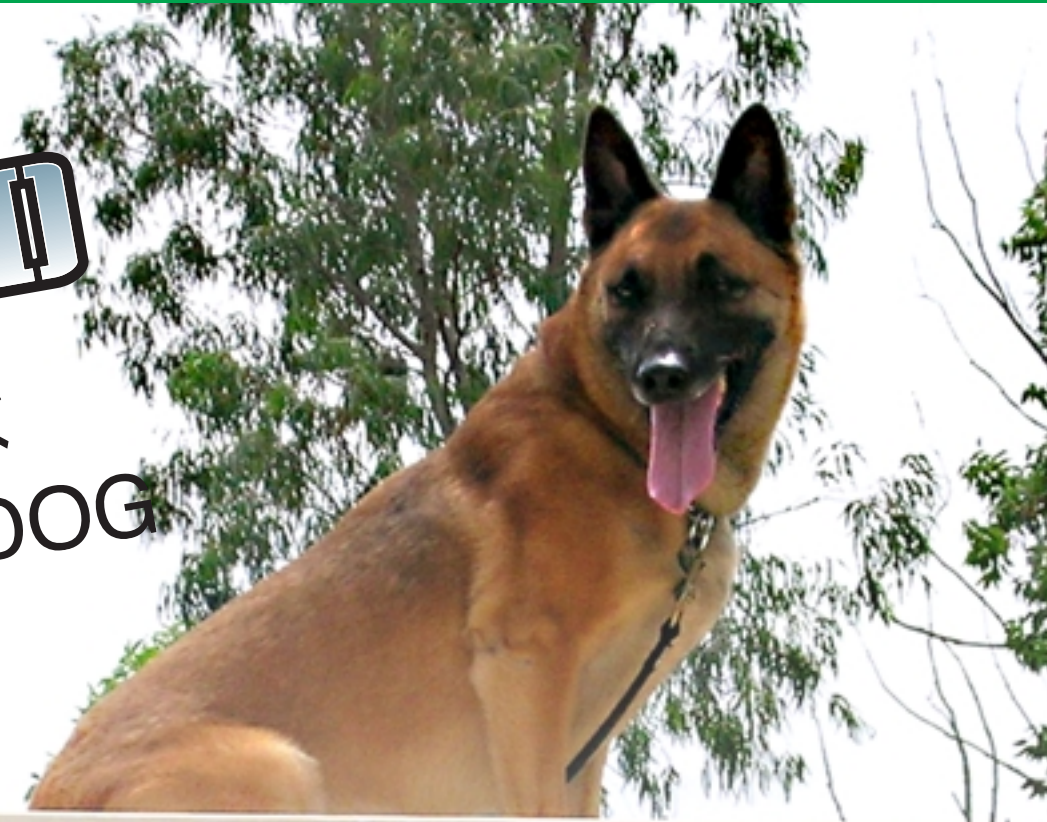
If a dog dies on active duty at Schofield Barracks, a military service complete with "Taps," flag at half-mast, command attendance, and poem readings take place at the Military Dog Cemetery located next to the Schofield Barracks Kennels.

"The funerals are a heart-wrenching and emotional event not only for the handlers but all involved," Hrymer said.

Twenty-nine funerals have taken place, most recently, that of Rico, who died traveling to the Philippines as part of a security contingent for President George W. Bush.

Stallcup spoke for all the K-9 handlers when he said, "A military funeral is a fitting tribute to the loyalty, devotion to duty, and unfailing commitment of these four-legged soldiers who ask for little more than a reward ball and a caring compassionate handler."

When the time comes at Schofield Barracks, each K-9 soldier of the Military Working Dog Section will be remembered and honored with distinction.



Roy, a Dutch Shepherd and his handler, Mike Hrymer, team up to seek, find, and hit on hidden explosives. Successfully completing the exercise, Roy receives a ball reward and praise from Hrymer.



Twenty-nine Military Working Dogs are buried in the Military Working Dog cemetery at Schofield Barracks.



Obstacle Course training improves dog agility and stamina, and provides a fun diversion from daily routines. Sgt. Brady and Rico demonstrate the course.



**Live Monday Night Football** – Catch all the excitement live on satellite with ice cold beverages and pupu specials beginning Sept. 13 at Reggie's on Schofield Barracks. Call 655-4466 for information.

**Mongolian BBQ** – Select favorite foods from a variety of meats and vegetables, and have them grilled to personal preferences Sept. 15 beginning at 5 p.m. at the Nehelani with seating at Reggie's, Schofield Barracks. Meals are priced by the ounce. Reservations required by calling 655-0660.

**Bowling Tournament** – A five game, no tap tournament will be held Sept. 5 and 18 at the Schofield Barracks Bowling Center. Check-in time 1 p.m and cost is \$20. Cash prizes will

be awarded. Call 655-0573 for information.

**Spanish Collection at Library** – Visit the Sgt. Yano Library on Schofield Barracks and view its new section of books and videos in Spanish. The library now has books appropriate for children of all ages as well as a selection of recent adult fiction and paperback books by popular authors. Call 655-0145 for information.

**Pro Shop Sale** – Nagorski Pro Shop on Fort Shafter will have a Labor Day Sale on selected merchandise. Sale will run from Sept. 1 - 6. Call 438-1974 for information.

**Auto Craft Early Bird Special** – From the 1st to the 15th of every month receive a safety inspection for \$10. Vehicles with tinted windows will cost \$15. Call the nearest auto craft center for more information. Fort Shafter, 438-9402 or Schofield Barracks, 655-9368.

**West Side Story** – A popular love story comes to Richardson Theatre on Fort Shafter, Sept. 9 - 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25. Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for adults are \$17 and \$14. Children (under 12) pay \$10 and \$8. The box office is open Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call 438-4480 for information.

**West Side Story Preview** – Blue Star Card special for patrons to watch the West Side Story play and eat appetizers free of charge Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m. Round trip transportation is provided from Peterson Child Development Center on Schofield Barracks. Free child care at Peterson is also offered to Blue Star Card holders beginning at 6 p.m. Call 655-8313 for information. Transportation reservations can be made until noon Sept. 3 by calling 655-0002.

**Spouse's Night Out** – This free adults-only program at Army Community Service on Schofield Barracks is designed to get spouses out of the house every Thursday night from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. to have fun. Sept. 2: Spa Retreat, Line Dancing, Learn to Use a Web Camera, and Quilting. MWR Blue Star Card holders will receive free child care from 6 - 9 p.m. by reservation only at Peterson Child Care Center, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-3929 by noon of the Tuesday prior to each Thursday event to make child care reservations. Reservations can be made two weeks in advance. Pre-registration for classes is required, call 655-2736.

**Sgt. Yano Library Closure** – The Sgt. Yano Library on Schofield Barracks will be closed on Sept. 12 for its quarterly carpet cleaning. Call 655-0145 for information.

**Upcoming Tropics Activities** – Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament Sept. 11, sign

up at 11 a.m. Cost is \$5 per entry. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded. Sept. 13 watch the Monday Night Football kickoff with weekly trivia contests, quarterback toss and giveaways. Also, from 5 - 8 p.m. that day, have all-you-can eat foot long hot dogs and a soda for \$6.

Sept. 15, participate in a National Hispanic Heritage Day celebration with story hour at 6 p.m. followed by crafts, games, piñatas and a Dora the Explorer marathon at 6:30 p.m. Call 655-0002 for information.

**Tropics September Food Special** – Have two slices of pizza with a soda for \$5 or a large one topping pizza with a pitcher of soda for \$11.99. Also available: taquito special of steak, chicken or calzone types for \$1.75 each.

**MWR R&R Deployment Specials** – Soldiers returning from Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom will receive 50 percent off regular cottage rates at Pililaau Army Recreation Center in Waianae. For Pililaau reservations call 696-6783. Eligible Soldiers must be accompanied by a Blue Star Card holder upon check-in or have a copy of their leave orders.

Visit the Outdoor Recreation Center for free rental equipment check out for up to \$50, call 655-0143 for information.

Receive three free hours of bay time at Army Auto Craft Centers call 438-9402 or 655-9368 for information.

Bowl for \$1 a game on weekdays till 5 p.m. at the Schofield Barracks Bowling Center. Shoes are not included, also offer excludes federal holidays. Call 655-0573 for information.

**Hanauma Bay Snorkeling** – Ages 10 and older can snorkel on Sept. 18, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m for \$10 per person. Round trip transportation from Schofield Barracks and snorkeling gear will be provided. Register at Richardson Pool, Schofield Barracks Physical Fitness Center or the Outdoor Recreation Equipment Rental office, limited to the first 15 registrants. We will provide ice, water and snacks, bringing a bag lunch is suggested. Participants without a state ID or Kama' aina card will be charged an additional \$5 to park at the bay. Call 655-0101 for information.

**Labor Day Family Picnic** – Feast on barbequed ribs or chicken along with a selection of picnic favorites Sept. 4, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Nehelani on Schofield Barracks. Kids will receive free hotdogs with a meal purchase and can play on inflatable bouncers. Call 655-0660 for information.

**What's happening at**

**MWR** – To find out more information about MWR activities, programs and facilities pick up a copy of the Discovery Magazine at the Schofield Barracks Commissary, Fort Shafter PX, Aliamanu Shoppette, Tripler mountain side entrance and at all MWR facilities. Visit the MWR Web site at www.mwrarmy-hawaii.com.

**Commissary Dash N' Grab** – Enter for a chance to win the next Commissary Dash N' Grab event scheduled for Sept. 30 at 7:30 a.m. Entry boxes are located at the Schofield Barracks Commissary, Army Community Service or Tropics. Three finalists will be chosen at the September Town Hall meeting. MWR Blue Star Card members are automatically entered to win. Finalists will be notified. Open to active duty families and spouses. This event will be held quarterly. Event is sponsored by Actus Lend Lease, DECA and MWR. Call 438-0117 for information.

**Driver's Education Classes** – Next Driver's Education class begins Sept. 5 at Schofield Barracks and Sept. 21 at Aliamanu. Cost is \$295 for 16 sessions. Registration is only available at the Child and Youth Services Resource and Referral Offices. Adults with military ID cards are welcome to enroll if space is available. Call Schofield Barracks at 655-6461 or AMR at 833-5393 for more information.

**Faster Service at Reggie's** – Starting in

September, quicker service will be available. Stop by Reggie's and see. Call 655-4466 for information.

**Free Golf Clinics** – Blue Star Card holders can have a free golf clinic every Wednesday at Kalakaua Golf Course from 10 - 11 a.m. Clubs and range balls are provided, call 655-9833 for reservations. A free ladies golf clinic is also held the first Sunday of every month at Leilehua Golf Course from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Call 655-4653 for reservations.

**Sunday Brunch** – Sample dishes with flavors from the Pacific Rim, Asia and Hawaii at the Hale Ikena on Fort Shafter. Brunch is served from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost is \$17.95 for adults with child pricing available. Reservations required by calling 438-1974.

Reggie's on Schofield Barracks offers a brunch buffet with classic dishes from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. The cost is \$12.95 for adults with child pricing available. Call 655-4466 for information.

**Karaoke at Reggie's** – Join the fun and sing the night away from 8 - 10 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at Reggie's. Cost is \$1 per song. Also, select from a special pupu menu and ice cold beverages. Call 655-4466 for information.

**2004 Army Photography Contest** – Enter prints and short videos in the categories of people, place, thing, military life and experimental. Entry packets, entry forms

and contest information is available at the nearest Arts and Crafts Center. Deadline for entries is Oct. 15.

**Play and Win: Golf for Food and Fun** – Get a team together every Tuesday from 2 - 4 p.m. and play a round of golf at Nagorski Golf Course on Fort Shafter. Receive a 9-hole green fee, foursome platter of pupus, pitcher of beverage, and entry into the lucky door prize for \$15 per person. Answer the golf question of the week correctly and win a FootJoy door prize. Get a hole-in-one and win a club of the year from Nike. Call 438-9587 for more information.

**Aliamanu New Temporary Library Hours** – Aliamanu Library hours are as follows: Monday and Tuesday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. The library will be closed on Fridays. Call 833-4851 for information.

**Child and Youth Services Fee Increase** – The Department of the Army has issued new fee policies and guidelines for Army Child and Youth Services, which include child development centers, school-age programs, family child care, middle school and teen programs and team sports. Patrons can expect to see an average 5 percent increase in their fees beginning Sept. 1 in compliance with the Department of Army guidance. For more information contact the nearest Child and Youth Services facility.



**This Week at the MOVIES**

**SGT SMITH THEATER**

TODAY  
**Anchorman**  
7 p.m. (PG-13)

SATURDAY AUGUST 28  
**Anchorman**  
2 p.m. (PG-13)

**Spiderman 2**  
7 p.m. (PG-13)

SUNDAY AUGUST 29  
**King Arthur**  
7 p.m. (PG-13)

MONDAY AUGUST 30  
**Closed**

TUESDAY AUGUST 31  
**Closed**

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 1  
**Closed**

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 2  
**Closed**

**HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER**

TODAY  
**A Cinderella Story**  
7 p.m. (PG)

SATURDAY AUGUST 28  
**A Cinderella Story**  
2 p.m. (PG)

SUNDAY AUGUST 29  
**Catwoman**  
7 p.m. (PG-13)

MONDAY AUGUST 30  
**Closed**

TUESDAY AUGUST 31  
**Closed**

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 1  
**Catwoman**  
7 p.m. (PG-13)

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 2  
**Catwoman**  
7 p.m. (PG-13)



**HACN TV2 Schedule**

**August 27 - September 3**

Morning		Evening	
6:00	Sign On	6:00	Voting 04' Assist Program
6:30	Fit for Life	6:03	Community Focus
7:00	Bulletin Board	6:14	Bulletin Board
7:30	Shamu-The Bird Story	6:47	Army Values - Respect
8:00	Pentagon Channel	6:53	OIF Photo Montage 3
9:00	Pentagon Channel	7:00	NFL-Turf Talk 95
10:00	VATV	8:00	OEF Deployment Ceremony
10:30	OIF Photo Montage 7	8:30	OEF Deployment Luau
10:46	Bulletin Board	8:50	History of JAG
11:16	Dash and Grab	9:00	ASAP-Smoking
11:30	Hawaii Hidden Beauty, Danger	9:30	Oakland Army Base
11:50	OIF Photo Montage 6	10:00	Youth Protection
12:00	Pentagon Channel	11:00	NFL-Greatest Games 77AFC
		12:12	Bulletin Board
Afternoon		Overnight	
2:02	Hurricane Safety		
2:21	Voting 04' Assist Program		
2:28	OIF Photo Montage 2	12:46	Pentagon Channel
2:30	Shamu-Whale and Dolphin Story		
3:00	Shamu-Animal Rescue		
3:40	Oahu-Aloha Begins		
3:50	OIF Photo Montage 5		
4:00	Pentagon Channel		



# Soldier wins Olympic silver medal in rifle shooting

By Tim Hipps  
*Army News Service*

ATHENS, Greece – Maj. Michael Anti won a silver medal Aug. 22 in men's 50-meter three-position rifle shooting in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games.

“I wish I had the gold but I'm just excited to have a medal,” said Anti, 40, of Winterville, N.C., assigned to the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning, Ga. and a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program. “We have such a great unit and such a great Army for them to allow me to do this. There are people overseas risking their life to allow me to compete here, so it's a big deal.”

China's Zhanbo Jia won the gold medal with 1,264.5 points. Anti took the silver medal with 1,263.1 points. Austria's Christian Planer claimed the bronze medal with a 1,262.8 total.

Anti entered the final round in seventh place. After shooting marks of 10.4, 8.8, 9.3 and 10.6, he moved into fourth place with a 10.8 on his fifth of 10 shots in the finale. An 8.5 on his ensuing shot, however, cost him dearly.

He quickly rebounded with marks of 10.4 and 10.8 to move into third place. Then an 8.1 dropped him back to fourth.

He capped the performance with a 10.4 as drama intensified at the other end of the shooting line.

Matthew Emmons, 23, of Browns Mills, N.J., had the gold medal firmly in his grasp until he shot the wrong target on his last of 10 shots. The mark of zero dropped him to eighth place with 1,257.4 points, stunning the crowd at Markopoulo Olympic Shooting Centre.

Had Emmons closed with a respectable mark, Team USA would have won the gold and bronze medals.

“For me, it was kind of up and down,” Anti said of his final round. “I'd shoot a good 10 and then I'd shoot an 8. Then shoot a good 10 and shoot an 8. None of the shots were really bad shots, I just was late on the trigger,” he said. “If I caught it a millisecond before, it could've been a 10. I'm just thrilled to death that I won the silver with my final.”

*(Editor's note: Tim Hipps is a member of the Community and Family Support Center Public Affairs.)*

**U.S. silver medalist Army Maj. Michael Anti, left, poses with China gold medalist Zhanbo Jia, center, and Austrian bronze medalist Christian Planer Sunday in Athens, Greece. The three were winners in the Summer Olympic Games men's 50-meter three-position rifle shooting.**



U.S. Army photo

## Family support: What support is my family entitled?

Capt. Samuel Kan  
*Legal Assistance Office*

You are not alone if you are confused about family support. Complicating the issue, the Army made significant changes in 2003 when it republished Army Regulation 608-99, Family Support, Child Custody, and Paternity.

A punitive regulation, AR 608-99 requires Soldiers to pay family support and requires commanders to take action when Soldiers fail to comply. This article is meant to clarify your rights and responsibilities.

A family member's first step to collecting family support is to make a complaint to the chain of command that a Soldier is failing to provide proper support. Once this is done, a Soldier's company commander must personally review each complaint and respond to it within 14 days.

If a commander determines that the Soldier has failed to comply or has expressed any unwillingness to comply in the future, the commander is required to order the Soldier to comply with the regulation.

However, commanders can neither take money from the Soldier nor order the Soldier to pay for money past due.

The next step is to determine the required payment. The required payment depends on the rank of the Soldier, the number of family members involved, where the family members live, and whether a court order or written financial support agreement exist.

If a court order or written financial support agreement exists, it controls and Soldiers must comply with it. In the absence of a court order or written financial support agreement, Soldiers must comply with the financial support requirements outlined in AR 608-99, paragraph 2-6.

So, what is required by paragraph 2-6? In general, Soldiers are required to provide family units not residing in government family housing with BAH II-WITH. If family members reside at different locations, a pro-rata share of BAH II-WITH must be provided to each family member not residing in government family housing.

If a Soldier's spouse is active duty in one of the military services and the spouse has custody of their children, the Soldier must provide BAH Differential to the spouse to support the children.

In general, even though a Soldier does not receive BAH, he still must pay these amounts.

Simple, right? here's an explanation. First, family members are defined as a Soldier's present spouse, minor children, and any other person the Soldier has a legal obligation to provide financial support.

Second, BAH II-WITH (referred to as BAH Type II) is what was formerly known as BAQ WITH. BAH includes amounts such as the variable housing allowance, which are not included in AR 608-99's support calculations.

Third, pro-rata share means the applicable BAH Type II rate divided by the total number of supported family members. For example, if a Soldier has a spouse and two children, and one child lives at a different location, that child would be entitled to an amount equal to one-third of the BAH Type II. For an E-5, that amount would be \$597.60 divided by 3 or \$199.20.

However, there are numerous exceptions to the financial requirement. First, if your family is residing in government family housing, Soldiers are not obligated to provide additional support. This is a significant change from previous policy.

Second, if the Soldier's

present spouse is on active duty in one of the military services, the Soldier does not owe spousal support unless required by a court order or agreement.

Third, a Soldier's Special Court-Martial Convening Authority (i.e., brigade commander) can release a Soldier from the regulatory requirements of AR 608-99 as long as the situation does not involve a child support requirement, court order, or written financial support agreement.

Fourth, a Soldier's battalion commander can release a Soldier from the regulatory requirements of AR 608-99 in limited circumstances such as if the income of the spouse exceeds the military pay of the Soldier, the Soldier has been the victim of substantial domestic abuse, or the Soldier has provided regulatory support to the spouse for 18 months.

In addition, there are numerous ways to provide support. Payment may be made by allotment, cash, check, money order, electronic fund transfer, or garnishment.

More important, a Soldier may comply with the financial support requirements of AR 608-99, paragraph 2-6, by directly

paying non-government housing expenses on behalf of family members if the family members are residing in non-government housing.

These expenses could include rent, principal and interest payments on an outstanding loan secured by a mortgage, and essential utilities such as electricity and water.

Non-essential utilities

such as telephone and cable television bills are not included.

For more information, visit the Legal Assistance Office and consult an attorney. To schedule an appointment, call 655-8608.

For additional guidance, visit the following Web site: [www.jagcnet.army.mil/Legal](http://www.jagcnet.army.mil/Legal) and [www.25idl.army.mil/unit\\_frame.asp?unit\\_id=1003](http://www.25idl.army.mil/unit_frame.asp?unit_id=1003).

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Soldiers of Co. B, 65th Eng. Bn., celebrate another gold medal during the Kirkuk Olympics award presentation Aug. 22. Above right: Jerwayne Jones, the communications NCOIC for Co. B, 65th Eng. Bn., dives to the finish line with three sandbags to beat his competitors in the Sandbag Relay Race Aug. 21. Jones' team eventually won the gold in the race.



# 2nd BCT Soldiers excel in









## KIRKUK OLYMPIC CHALLENGE

Story and photos by Spc. Sean Kimmons  
25th ID (L) Public Affairs

KIRKUK AIR BASE, Iraq – In the spirit of the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, 2nd Brigade Combat Team Soldiers and Airmen competed in 12 sporting events as part of the Kirkuk Olympic challenge Aug. 20 – 22.

This is how it went down for the 2nd BCT units:








**Friday (Aug. 20)**

- Wheel Barrow race**  Company B, 125th Signal Battalion took gold while  Co. B, 65th Engineer Bn. won bronze.
- Football Toss**  Co. A, Task Force 1-21 Infantry took gold and  Co. C, TF 1-21 INF won bronze.
- 2 On 2 Sand Volleyball**  Co. B, 125th Military Intelligence Bn. took silver and  Co. B, 65th Eng. Bn. won bronze.
- 880-yard Relay Race**  Co. B, 65th Eng. Bn. (team 1) took silver and  (team 2) won bronze.

**Saturday (Aug. 21)**

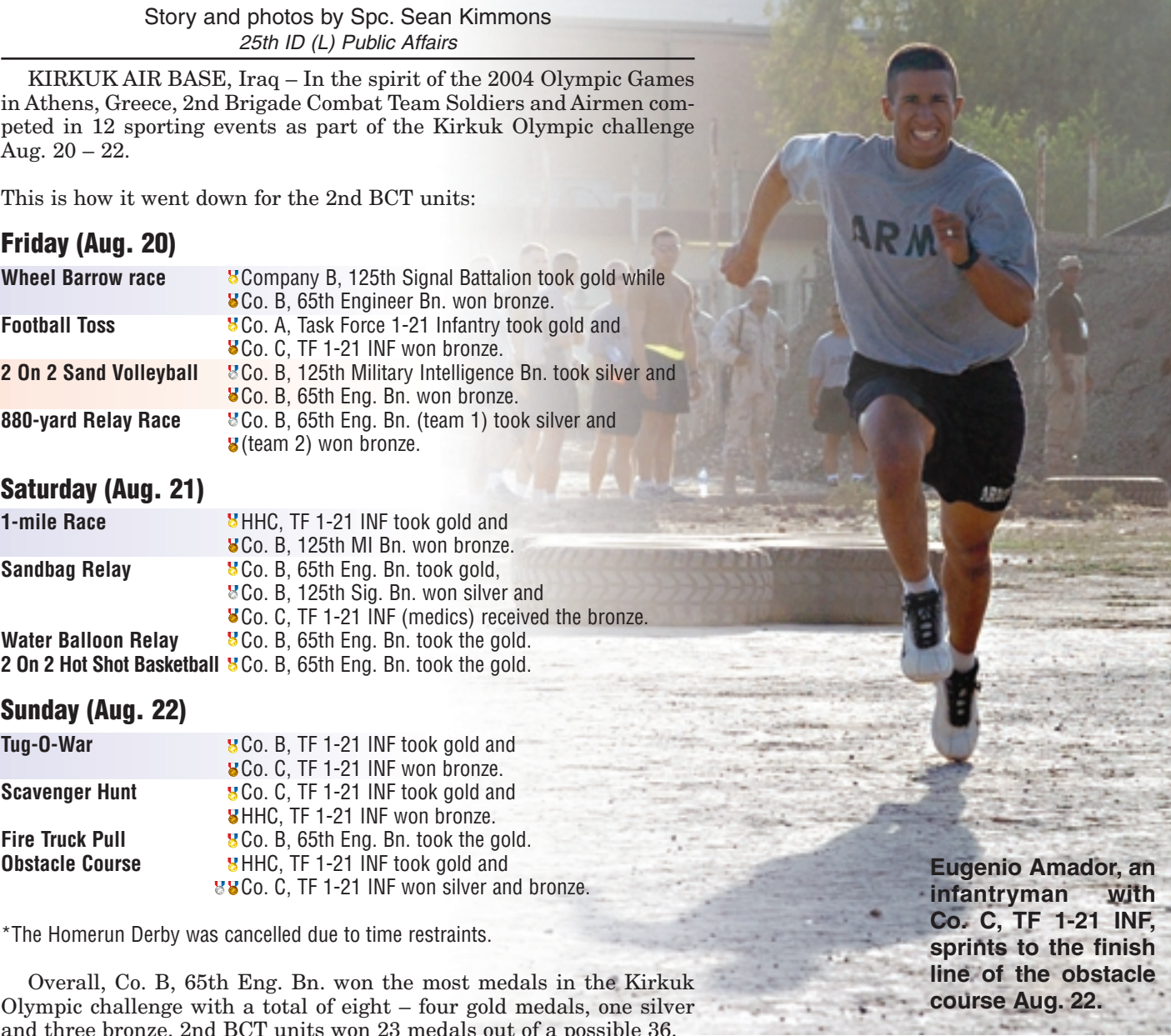
- 1-mile Race**  HHC, TF 1-21 INF took gold and  Co. B, 125th MI Bn. won bronze.
- Sandbag Relay**  Co. B, 65th Eng. Bn. took gold,  Co. B, 125th Sig. Bn. won silver and  Co. C, TF 1-21 INF (medics) received the bronze.
- Water Balloon Relay**  Co. B, 65th Eng. Bn. took the gold.
- 2 On 2 Hot Shot Basketball**  Co. B, 65th Eng. Bn. took the gold.

**Sunday (Aug. 22)**

- Tug-O-War**  Co. B, TF 1-21 INF took gold and  Co. C, TF 1-21 INF won bronze.
- Scavenger Hunt**  Co. C, TF 1-21 INF took gold and  HHC, TF 1-21 INF won bronze.
- Fire Truck Pull**  Co. B, 65th Eng. Bn. took the gold.
- Obstacle Course**  HHC, TF 1-21 INF took gold and  Co. C, TF 1-21 INF won silver and bronze.

\*The Homerun Derby was cancelled due to time restraints.

Overall, Co. B, 65th Eng. Bn. won the most medals in the Kirkuk Olympic challenge with a total of eight – four gold medals, one silver and three bronze. 2nd BCT units won 23 medals out of a possible 36.



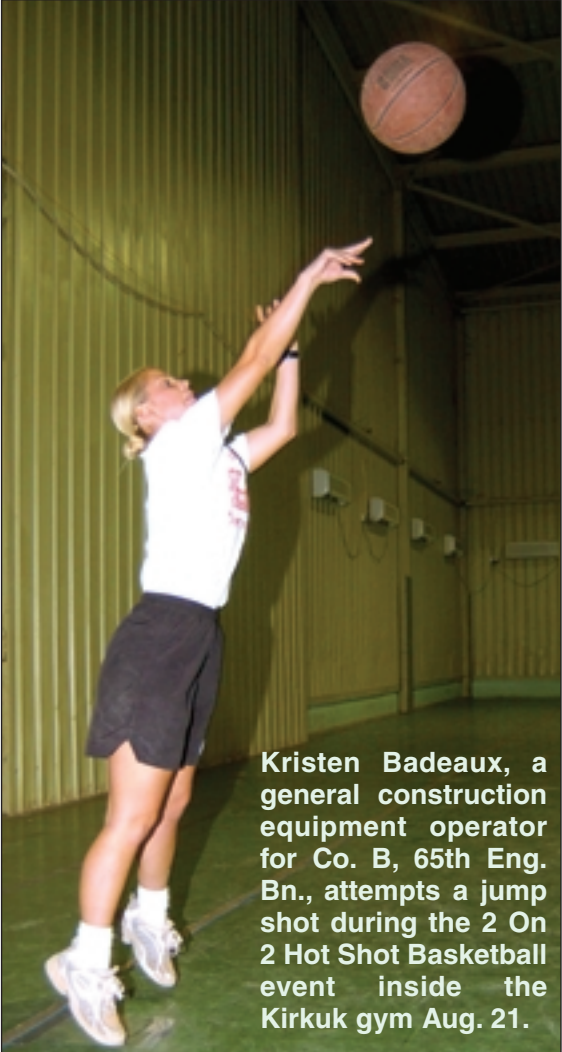
Eugenio Amador, an infantryman with Co. C, TF 1-21 INF, sprints to the finish line of the obstacle course Aug. 22.



Cory Gifford, a scout with HHC, TF 1-21 INF, traverses on monkey bars toward the yellow ribbon in the first event of the obstacle course Aug. 22.



Raymond Santiago, a .50 cal gunner for HHC, TF 1-21 INF, prepares to smack a softball during the Homerun Derby event Aug. 22.



Kristen Badeaux, a general construction equipment operator for Co. B, 65th Eng. Bn., attempts a jump shot during the 2 On 2 Hot Shot Basketball event inside the Kirkuk gym Aug. 21.



John Hallett, the executive officer for Co. A, TF 1-21 INF, carries two 25-pound sandbags as part of the Sandbag Relay Race Aug. 21.



# Town Hall experts answer questions

By Joy Boisselle  
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The word “informative” best describes the Deployment Town Hall Meeting held Aug. 17 at the Sgt. Smith Theater on Schofield Barracks.

Town Hall meetings provide service members and their families with the latest deployment news from Afghanistan and Iraq as well as upcoming community events and initiatives. Additionally, a panel of subject matter experts are available at the end of the formal meeting to answer general questions posed by attendees.

Lt. Col. Malcolm Frost, United States Army Hawaii operations officer, gave an overview of the ongoing operations affecting deployed and preparing to deploy units. Frost said to expect an increase of approximately 2,500 Soldiers at Schofield Barracks as the 29th Brigade Combat Team, Hawaii National Guard begins mobilization and training in preparation for deployment next year to Iraq. “There will be a lot of activity at Schofield as Hawaii’s own mobilizes for deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom,” he explained.

Lt. Col. Jerry Schmitz, chief of transformation, USARHAW, spoke next. Schmitz gave an overview of Army transformation plans and explained how the plans will affect the 25th Infantry Division (Light). Under transformation, Schmitz said approximately 1,100 Soldiers would join the division beginning next summer. “I hope this information whets your appetites for what the future looks like,” he concluded.

Jack Weirs, marketing chief, Directorate of Community Activities, delivered a spotlight brief on upcoming community activities. One activity is Floats and Flicks coming to Richardson Pool on Schofield Barracks, this Saturday, from 5 to 10 p.m. “The name doesn’t accurately describe this event,” said Weirs, “It should be called floats, free food, fun, and

flicks.” The movie, ‘Finding Nemo,’ begins at 8 p.m.

Coming Sept. 8, for Blue Star Card holders, Weirs announced a sneak preview of Richardson Theater’s production of “West Side Story.” “This is a free night, with transportation, appetizers, and child care provided,” he said. There are deadlines for registration and limited availability, call 655-0002 for more information.

The following is a recap of questions and answers presented during the meeting:

**Q. I have submitted an exception to policy to move for medical reasons. How long does this take?**

A. All medical exception to policy requests go to Tripler Army Medical Center for review and recommendations. The medical board at Tripler meets every Thursday and Actus representatives actively try to get results that afternoon, Friday, or Monday.

**Q. I have been threatened by neighbors, what can I do?**

A. A restraining order or protective order is available through Hawaii courts. Legal assistance can help with the paperwork involved. It does not require an attorney and the court fees are low.

**Q. A spouse wants to return to Hawaii from the Mainland, can she request housing?**

A. This is a two-part question. Nearly 1,000 families went to the Mainland, 800 voluntarily and 200 under early return of dependants (government paid to move them).

Families that left with no cost to the government did not lose command sponsorship and should contact Actus at 275-3700. Forms needed are a copy of the original orders assigning the Soldier and family to Hawaii, deployment orders available from the unit rear detachment, and a special power of attorney. With the correct paperwork, Actus can place the spouse on the housing waiting list.

ERD families would need the same paperwork and must reestablish command sponsorship. Additionally, the Soldier must

meet remaining time on station requirements of 24 months. Again, call 275-3700 for specific requirements. Information is also online at [www.armyhawaiifamilyhousing.com](http://www.armyhawaiifamilyhousing.com).

**Q. With transformation and Soldiers redeploying, should we be concerned about the availability of off-post housing?**

A. Yes, it is a tight housing market, but we have mid- and long-term strategies for helping with the problem.

**Q. We have neighbors that do not take care of their areas, what can we do?**

A. The first step is always to contact your resident area officer. Citations are issued and ultimately, repeated offenses can result in quarters termination. The same is true for vacant homes. Contact your RAO or Actus Community Center. They will follow up to ensure the areas are maintained.

**Q. I needed a same day appointment at Schofield Barracks Clinic. I called for an hour and 15 minutes. Is there a problem with the phones?**

A. Telephone access to the medical clinic has been less than optimal and the problem is being worked on.

**Q. I am having trouble making routine appointments at Schofield Barracks clinic. Is there an average wait time? In addition, can I request a specific provider like my primary care giver for each appointment?**

A. Routine appointments should be available within one week. It is part of the Tricare promise. Yes, it is absolutely your right to request your primary care physician for every appointment, but the wait time may be longer depending on the doctor’s schedule.

Command Sgt. Maj. Willie C. Tate, USARHAW command sergeant major, concluded the meeting by reassuring families. “We are committed to taking care of families and we will address each and every problem,” he said, “This is one team and one fight in support of Soldiers and families.”

# Schofield Commissary to get self-checkout lane

By Rick Brink  
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The Schofield Barracks commissary is one of 19 commissaries that are scheduled to have self-checkout lanes installed in time for the holidays, Defense Commissary Agency officials said.

Schofield Barracks Commissary will have the new self-checkout lanes installed in early November, said Jerry Copenhefer, Schofield Barracks commissary store director. It will be the first commissary in Hawaii to have the self-checkout lanes.

Self-checkouts are for customers with a few items who scan and bag their own groceries to avoid waiting in regular checkout lanes. An attendant monitors the lanes, checks shoppers’ ID cards and provides assistance when needed. The system weighs the contents of the grocery bags to ensure scanning is done correctly.

Fort Meade, Md., is first in line with an early September installation date. The installations wrap up by mid-November when the last four commissaries – McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., RAF Lakenheath, and Hickam Air Force Base and Naval Base Pearl Harbor in Hawaii – are scheduled for completion.

Growing customer acceptance of self-checkouts installed earlier this year in five other commissaries convinced the agency to expand their use, said Scott Simpson, DeCA’s chief operating officer.

“They’re a great convenience for people with a few items who want to avoid waiting in line to check out,” Simpson said.

The self-checkouts first appeared in February in the Langley Air Force Base, Va.,

store. Commissaries at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, McClellan, Calif., and Vogelweh and Ramstein air bases, in Germany, now have them as well.

Method of payment – credit, debit or cash – is nearly the same as regular checkout lanes. Self-checkouts also have the capability to scan coupons.

In other news, commissaries are again accepting computer-generated Internet coupons with a couple of requirements to guard against fraud, Defense Commissary Agency officials announced.

This week all 273 commissaries around the world began accepting computer-generated Internet coupons that meet the following criteria: they must have a bar code that store checkouts can scan and they cannot be for free product. Photocopied or facsimile-generated coupons remain unacceptable at all commissaries.

“Internet coupons are a popular medium customers use to save money, so we wanted to work out a way to provide this service. We’ve analyzed this issue and these requirements should adequately protect us against fraud while giving our customers the kind of the service they want,” Simpson said.

DeCA as well as other grocery retailers had stopped accepting home-printed coupons in September 2003 as an interim measure while the grocery industry grappled with losses incurred because of their fraudulent use.

Later this month, the DeCa’s Web site, [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com), will re-establish links to Internet grocery coupon sites for the convenience of commissary shoppers.



# Former Soldier returns to PTA 50 years after helping build it

By Bob McElroy  
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POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii – Tony Fernandez stood atop Pu'u Pohakuloa gazing at the orderly rows of Quonset huts in the camp below, so similar but so different from what he remembers.

Fernandez is one of thousands of Soldiers and Marines who have come through PTA in the past 50 years, but he's different in a special way: from 1955-58 he helped to build this austere camp at the foot of Mauna Kea.

Now 71 years old, Fernandez returned to PTA last week with his wife Esperanza and other family members to see the camp he helped build so long ago as a young private.

"There's not many changes, a few things here and there," Fernandez said.

A native of Havana, Cuba, Fernandez didn't enlist in the Army to build a camp next to a volcano, rather he joined for the opportunity to serve.

"I wanted to pay my dues and learn as much as I could," he said. "I thank the Army for teaching me English; it was pretty broken then."

In 1955 Fernandez became a demolition specialist and was on orders for Germany when he fell sick and was deleted from that assignment.

Fernandez spent a month in the hospital and when he was released he had new orders assigning him to Schofield Barracks.

While he was on Oahu, Fernandez spent time doing odd jobs his command assigned including painting a mural in a dining facility.



Bob McElroy

**Former Army Private Tony Fernandez stands on Pu'u Pohakuloa and looks over the camp he and Soldiers from the 65th Engineer Company built from 1955-58. Fernandez returned to PTA with his family recently nearly 50 years after he left.**

He'd been at Schofield a month or so when his lieutenant asked for volunteers to build a new camp on the Big Island.

Fernandez thought the detail could be interesting so he volunteered. Soon he and about 200 Soldiers from the 65th Engineer Company found themselves in the dry, dusty, lonely place that would become PTA.

When Fernandez and his company arrived in the Saddle area in mid-1955 there were only three or four Quonsets at the camp.

The Army sent the remaining Quonsets in pieces on LSTs from Oahu. After Soldiers unloaded the pieces from the ships, they carried them to the new camp on trucks.

Fernandez said that the greatest challenge the Soldiers faced was how to erect the Quonsets.

"No one knew how to put them together," he remarked.

With patience however, the engineers began to assemble the Quonsets and the camp took shape. In addition to helping to erect the huts, Fernandez said he did much of the wiring.

Life at PTA in the mid-50's was spartan, he said. They had the huts (with no insulation), a small PX, chapel and dining facilities but little else. The airfield had either a Piper Cub or a helicopter that was used for mail runs to and from Hilo.

Fernandez said in his two and one-half years at PTA he only got one leave—two weeks at Kilauea Military Camp. He said he also got to Hilo on occasion for a day or so. The remaining time he spent at the growing camp with his fellow Soldiers, playing sports, cards or music when



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**Tony Fernandez, then an Army Private, stands in one of the Quonset huts he and Soldiers of the 65th Engineer Company built in the Saddle Region of the Big Island from 1955-58. Fernandez, now 71 years old, returned to PTA recently with his family to see the camp he helped build.**

they weren't building Quonsets.

The Soldiers' work was nearly done in 1958 and PTA was ready to host training units. Fernandez said that until the camp was built, Hawaii-based units had to go to the Mainland for training.

With PTA near-complete his enlistment was also up and Fernandez left Hawaii for home.

His first stop was Oakland, Calif., and then Fort Jackson, S.C., where he was discharged. Fernandez had enough money for a Greyhound ride to Georgia.

From there he hitchhiked to Miami, then to Key

West, Fla.

He said he had no problem hitching rides or traveling because he wore his Class A uniform during his journey home.

In Key West he took a plane to Havana, Cuba. It was in Havana that he married Esperanza and began his new life.

After his discharge from the Army Fernandez worked in a bank, a print shop and then for the Disney Corporation in Florida. When Disney had plans for a new amusement park in Orlando it hired Fernandez to help get it up and running as the manager of operations. He spent 30 years with Disney and

then retired in Orlando.

For years after he left PTA and the Big Island Fernandez wanted to return to the camp he helped build. Years went by and his family grew but it wasn't until this year that he convinced Esperanza and his family to visit Hawaii and his camp at the foot of Mauna Kea.

As he looked around at the drab brown Quonsets he and his fellow Soldiers built when they were young and the world a different place, he looked pensive, reflective.

"You don't know what this means to me," he said softly. "I never thought I'd be back."